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Governor Brewer Congratulates Newly Elected Virtual Governor of Sonora, México, Guillermo Padrés Elías

PHOENIX – Arizona Governor Jan Brewer today congratulated the newly elected Virtual Governor of the Mexican State of Sonora, Guillermo Padrés Elías. Padrés Elías, who received the majority of the votes during last Sunday's Gubernatorial election in Sonora, will become Governor Elect once the Federal Electoral Institute officially certifies the results.

Padrés Elías' victory in Sonora is historic as he is in line to become the first PAN party governor for the state of Sonora after PRI party dominance for over 80 years. With more than 90% of the votes counted as of today, Padrés Elías has received 49.1% of the votes, while the PRI candidate, Alfonso Elias, has received 45%.

"I congratulate Governor Padrés Elías and look forward to building upon the strong partnership that our two states have developed through the years," Governor Brewer stated. "By continuing to work closely with the state of Sonora, we have a unique opportunity to utilize the benefits of binational collaboration that will help the Arizona-Sonora region in a multitude of areas."

Arizona and Sonora share a legacy of collaboration through the work of the Arizona-Mexico Commission (AMC) that recently celebrated its 50th anniversary. The work of the AMC, as well as the work of the Border Governors Conference, will help set the platform for the aggressive agenda the two governors will undertake. During today's call, the governors discussed the tasks ahead of them and look forward to beginning their work together.

Padrés Elías has a similar background to Governor Brewer as they both have a long history of public service and time served in their respective legislatures. This will give them common ground to initiate a strong state-to-state relationship to deal with the many important bilateral topics that frame the U.S.-Mexico relationship.

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